

REMARKS

Claims 27-57 and 60-67 remain in the present application. Claims 58 and 59 have been cancelled. No new matter has been introduced as a result of the amendments. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicants note that, in the preliminary amendment dated July 7, 2004, claims 27-67 were originally presented, but, due to a clerical error, claims 58 and 59 were inadvertently omitted. With the present amendments, claims 58 and 59 have been formally designated as canceled

In light of the present amendment and the response filed January 26, 2007, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 27-57 and 60-67 are both novel and non-obvious over the art of record. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If any additional fees are due in connection with this Application as a whole, the office is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from deposit account number 02-1818. If such a deduction is made, please indicate the Attorney Docket No. (0112740-975) on the account statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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